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Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

His time for the BLM (no hope for the Bush administration!) to step at least into the present, if not a long term view of our area – forests, water, air, animals and people. Stop acting on what is past and hopefully will never return – predation of our natural resources as the only source of economic health. The WOPR is a travesty: it ignores other legislation to protect resources in order to destroy them – it goes way too far on the side of logging and OHV expansion. I strongly oppose this federal attack on our state, and the West in general. Step into the present – protect our greatest wealth, our resources and forests, so they can continue to support us and our inheritors. Don't make this politics, it is too important.

The WOPR proposes to inflame the controversy by increasing old-growth clearcutting for a short-term economic fix. The WOPR puts water quality at risk and would destroy some of Oregon's most special places. We should protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests on public land, not clearcut these natural treasures.

It is disappointing that at a time when public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning has never been stronger, the BLM is proposing to clearcut forests older than our nation and turn complex ecosystems into tree plantations most susceptible to severe wildfire.

Please protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and create job opportunities in restoration thinning projects that benefit watersheds and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Sincerely,

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